

Abstract

5 The present invention provides an apparatus
for supporting a seat back in a vehicle comprising an
aluminum I-beam formed in a generally U-shaped configura-
tion, and having opposing ends supported with respect
to the vehicle for forming a seat back frame. Also
provided is a method of manufacturing a vehicle seat
back frame, comprising: a) extruding an aluminum I-beam;
b) cutting the I-beam to a desired length; c) age-
10 hardening the I-beam; and d) bending the I-beam into a
substantially U-shaped configuration to form a vehicle
seat back frame.